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TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4375
INFO RUEHBK/AMEMBASSY BANGKOK PRIORITY 3613
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RUEHEG/AMEMBASSY CAIRO PRIORITY 0031
RUEHBY/AMEMBASSY CANBERRA PRIORITY 4468
RUEHHI/AMEMBASSY HANOI PRIORITY 3246
RUEHJA/AMEMBASSY JAKARTA PRIORITY 4013
RUEHKL/AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR PRIORITY 3694
RUEHML/AMEMBASSY MANILA PRIORITY 9965
RUEHOT/AMEMBASSY OTTAWA PRIORITY 0735
RUEHSJ/AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE PRIORITY 0126
RUEHDG/AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO PRIORITY 0091
RUEHUL/AMEMBASSY SEOUL PRIORITY 8508
RUEHGP/AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE PRIORITY 6835
RUEHTV/AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV PRIORITY 0246
RUEHKO/AMEMBASSY TOKYO PRIORITY 8549
RUEHHK/AMCONSUL HONG KONG PRIORITY 7692
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USDOC FOR 4431/ITA/MAC/AP/OPB/TAIWAN/JDUTTON AND ERIC
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SUBJECT: CHINESE TAIPEI NON-COMMITTAL ON U.S. PROPOSAL ON
ITA DUTY-FREE COVERAGE

REF: STATE 22242

(SBU) On March 6, AIT Econoff delivered demarche per reftel
S\IZWJ: Bureau of Foreign Trade (BOFT) stated
BOFT is aware of the issue, and it is clearly in the interest
of Taiwan's industry for these products to receive duty-free
treatment. He continued, however, that Chinese Taipei was
"not yet ready" to support the U.S. proposal, preferring to
wait for guidance from the World Customs Organization (WCO)
on classification of many of these products. Many of these
products, he noted, did not exist when the ITA was signed and
it would be best for the WCO to develop a comprehensive,
worldwide approach to the issue.
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